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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM

1. SEPTTEL PROVIDES DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS
FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED RECENTLY BY CNEA PRESIDENT
CASTRO MADERO.

2. WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS, PLANS ARE RELATIVELY UNCHANGED
FROM THOSE ANNOUNCED A YEAR AGO AND INDEED THOSE BEING
PURSUED FOR MANY YEARS NOW BY CNEA.

3. WHILE NOT RPT NOT STATED AS SUCH, IT SEEMS IMPLICIT IN
CONTINUED PLANS TO BUILD ANOTHER CANDU THAT ARGENTINA
WILL ACQUIESCE TO CANADIAN DEMANDS, AT LEAST TO ACCEPTANCE
OF FULL-SCOPE OF FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS.

4. CLEARLY, CNEA ALSO HOPES TO CONVINCE CANADA THAT IT
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SHOULD PROVIDE HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION PLANT ECONOMY.

5. MAXIMUM INDEPENDENCE IN ALL STEPS IN THE FUEL CYCLE
AND MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION OF ARGENTINE INDUSTRY IN
NUCLEAR PLANT CONSTRUCTION REMAINS A KEY ARGENTINE
OBJECTIVE.

6. U.S. INFLUENCE (APART FROM RESEARCH REACTORS) WILL REMAIN MINIMAL IN THE NEAR TERM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HEAVY WATER PLANT WHERE, TOGETHER WITH CANADA, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE SOME LEVERAGE.

7. THE BEGINNINGS OF A COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE BACKLASH CAN BE OBSERVED IN CASTRO MADERO'S CONSIDERATION THAT RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROVIDE AN INCREASED INCENTIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL CAPABILITIES.
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